(b) The data showing growth in Net Bank Credit and advances to SSI sector by Public Sector Banks is given below:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005
Net Bank Credit	477899	558849	717304
% of growth over the previous year	20.40	16.94	28.35
Advances to SSI sector	52988	58278	67634
% of growth over the previous year	6.53	9.99	16.05

(c) A "Policy Package on Stepping up credit to SME sector" has been announced in the Parliament on August 10, 2005 which *inter-alia* enjoins upon Public Sector Banks to achieve a **minimum** 20% year on year growth in credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The objective is to **double** the flow of credit to the sector by 2009-10, which would cater adequately to the credit needs of SME sector.

Credit Guarantee fund trust for Small Industries Scheme

*224. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of banks which have so far joined the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries (CGTSI) scheme;

(b) whether the private and foreign banks can also join the scheme;

(c) if so, the number of private and foreign banks who have so far joined the CGTSI scheme; and

(d) what steps are being taken to encourage banks particularly the Non-Nationalised banks to join the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As on February 23, 2006, 51 Banks and 3 Financial Institutions have joined the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Small Industries (CGTSI) as Member Lending Institutions (MLIs).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the Scheme, Commercial Banks, including Private and Foreign Banks, can join the Scheme. So far, 11 Private Banks have joined the CGTSI Scheme as MLIs. However, no Foreign Bank has joined the CGTSI Scheme so far.

(d) Government has announced an increase in the corpus of the scheme to Rs. 2500 crore. Government has advised CGTSI to reduce the one

time guarantee fee from 2.5% to 1.5%. This level of fee is already applicable to the following category of borrowers in respect of credit facility sanctioned on or after October 01, 2005 and covered under the Scheme:

* All loans upto Rs. 2.00 lakh;
* All eligible women Entrepreneurs;
* All eligible borrowers located in the North Eastern Region (including Sikkim) and Jammu & Kashmir;"

CGTSI is regularly persuading the eligible banks to join the scheme.

Shortage of trolleys at IGI Airport, Delhi

*225. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that luggage trolleys at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi are in a bad and dilapidated state;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IGI Airport is one of the major Airports in the country and receives number of foreigners/visitors and the state of luggage trolleys reflects the country's image/dignity when a foreigner lands at Airport itself; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to provide trolleys in good condition at IGI Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The luggage trolleys at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport are in good condition. These trolleys are regularly maintained and damaged/ broken trolleys are substituted with new trolleys. Airports Authority of India (AAI) imported 1800 state-of-the-art trolleys from Germany in year 2003-2004 for IGI Airport. Recently, AAI has procured 1800 new trolleys and deployed these at airport to meet growing demand of passengers. Thus total of 3600 trolleys have been added in last two years.

Coordination with States to Join VAT Regime

*226. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six more States have expressed their willingness to switch over to the Value Added Tax (VAT) regime in the next few months;